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1. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
GENERAL ZAHAWI TO REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING BE PASSED
TO FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI FROM UNDER SECRETARY HABIB.

--AS HE HAD PROMISED HAMMADI, HABIB ON HIS RETURN TO WASH-
INGTON LOOKED INTO OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO A GULF
SECURITY PACT. THE U.S. HAS BEEN AWARE OF THE INTEREST

OF CERTAIN GULF COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING A COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IN THE AREA. THE U.S. HAS NEITHER PROPOSED NOR ADVOCATED SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

--THE U.S. POSITION IS THAT A COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IS A MATTER FOR THE STATES IN THE AREA TO DECIDE. IN PRINCIPLE, WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE REGIONAL STATES MIGHT ENTER INTO FREELY TO MEET THEIR SECURITY NEEDS.

--UNDER NO FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE U.S. WISH TO JOIN OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT.

--THE U.S. WOULD OBJECT TO ANY SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD HAMPER FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN THE GULF. IN THAT SENSE, THE POSITIONS OF IRAQ AND THE U. S. ARE VIRTUALLY THE SAME, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND IRAQ FULLY SUPPORTS FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN THE GULF AND OPPOSES THE CONCEPT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE IN THAT AREA.

--AS MENTIONED BY HABIB ON HIS BAGHDAD TRIP, A MORE FREQUENT AND SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD HELP DISPEL MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR MISINTERPRETATIONS OF THE U.S. POSITION ON MATTERS SUCH AS THESE. VANCE

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